(b) whether it is a fact that facilities like LTC has been discontinued for all retired Central Government employees, but it is continuing for retired railway personnel, though in a smaller scale;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider for all retired Central Government employees same pattern concession for rail travel at least once in two years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The pay scales allowed to railway employees are as per the recommendations made by the successive Pay Commissions, as accepted by the Government. The allowances admissible to railway employees are also based on the orders issued by the nodal Ministries *viz.* Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

(b) to (d) There is no scheme of LTC on Railways. Instead, the retired railway employees are entitled for post-retirement complimentary passes on the basis of length of service rendered by them to the railways.

In so far as Central Government employees are concerned, travel concession facilites are at present available only to serving personnel for being availed during leave at specified scales. These have been designed to enable the employees to visit their home town for meeting family obligations while in service. Travel facilities for visiting other places are also provided to serving personnel on a reduced scale to give them an opportunity to visit and see other regions of the country so that it may help them in widening their knowledge and in discharging their duties as public servants. These considerations are not attracted in the case of pensioners and they cannot be considered at par with serving employees for extension of traval concession facilities.

Reduction in the Posts of PGTs (Commerce) in Kedriya Vidyalayas

198. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms of determining posts of PGTs (Commerce) in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) what are the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas where two or more posts of PGTs were in existance during 1991—96;

(c) whether in some such Kendriya Vidyalayas the second post has since been withdrawn; and

(d) if so, the details and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Subject-wise PGTs are sanctioned depending upon the stream existing and period requirement of each subject in a Kendriya Vidyalaya.

(b) There are 19 Kendriya Vidyalayas having two PGTs be on 1.4.1996.

(c) and (d) Second post of PGT (Commerce) has been withdrawn from Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Indore keeping in view the requirement of Kendriya Vidyalaya.

Technological Development in the Field of Chemical fertilizers

199. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest technological developments in the world for production of different types of chemical fertilizers;

(b) the current and relative position of use of technology for fertilizer production in India, *vis-a-vis* technological developments in the world;

(c) whether there have been instances of bad effects of use of urea or potash or